



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 21st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is intended "to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities;" the ADA bans discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodation, public services, transportation and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signifies the adoption of a public policy committed to the removal of a broad range of impediments to the integration of people with disabilities into society; the ADA represents a historical benchmark and milestone in our country's commitment to full and equal opportunity for all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) continually promotes the message that millions of Americans with disabilities are full-fledged citizens and as such are entitled to legal protections that ensure them equal opportunity and access to the mainstream of American life; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) reflects a recognition that the surest path to America's continued vitality, strength and vibrancy is through the full realization of the contributions of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 2011 signifies the 21st Anniversary of its affirmation; this anniversary is a time that individuals can positively reflect upon the law that has made a significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities over the past 21 years;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2011 as

"AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the Americans with Disabilities Act and its goals of providing equal opportunities and services for people with disabilities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of July, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i